

**February 9, 2011**  
**Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board**

Present: Christina Bollo, Tom Williams, Mark Bandy, Kristen Lohse, Jon Morgan, Ben Smith, Betty Ahrens, Seth Schromen-Wawrin, Greg Brey, Mark Landreaneau

Absent: Jen Calleja

SDOT staff liaison: Brian Dougherty

Presenters: Sara Robertson, Barbara Gray (SDOT)

Public: Devor Barton, Jacob Struiksma, Jason Smith, Mike Mechela, Jason Smith, Katherine MacKinnon  
Introductions

Public Comment: none

Approving the Minutes:

December 2010 \: Tom Williams moves, Ben Smith seconds

January 2011: Mark Bandy moves, Kristen Lohse seconds

**King Street Multi-Modal Hub- Sara Robertson, SDOT**

Westlake, Colman Dock, King Street Station are the Multimodal Hubs  
2016, 2030 are key dates for King Street Station

**Goals: Easy to use, Accessible, Connected, Embedded, Iconic**

SDOT is working with neighborhoods to develop potential strategies and alternatives. Presenting to Bike and Ped groups; Landmarks; Design and Planning Commissions; North Lot; ID and Pioneer Square Preservation Boards

Leverage funding: First Hill Streetcar; King Street Restoration; Livable South Downtown; North Lot development; Roadway Rebuilds (2030)

Second Quarter 2011 will be Open House for Draft Plans

**a) Lid the openings over the tracks to connect North Lot with ID/Chinatown**

Lid some of it, leave some open.

*Ben notes that if you lid all of it, there is no light on the waiting platform below.*

**b) Reconnect the grid, eliminate 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Extension between Main and Jackson.**

Southbound traffic would be rerouted to Fourth Avenue (two-way) at South Main or South Washington. Some people want to keep transit on the Extension. Traffic volumes only need one lane (8500 a day). *Jon Morgan notes that the breaking point of the grids is actually Yesler, so the closing of the Extension should take place at Yesler. Mark notes that Yesler is quite steep, compared to Main and Washington.*

*Jon Morgan suggests that the remaining space on 2<sup>nd</sup> Extension be turned into a woonerf. Jon suggests the triangle at 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jackson be used for wayfinding because you can see Smith Tower, Columbia Tower and the Space Needle.*

**c) South Jackson as complete street.**

*Seth asks about curb heights along structured roadway at Jackson, will they be replaced in 2016 or 2030.*

Sara responds that Jackson Plaza eliminates some of those issues. The plaza is being built this summer. Barbara Gray notes that because of the areaways in Pioneer Square, replacing a sidewalk is the cost of building a bridge.

*Ben asks that particularly bad sidewalks need to be identified. Mark notes that the north side of Jackson is particularly bad. Sara notes that the complete streets checklist will have to give a reason why it can't be fixed.*

*Public Member Jim McIntosh notes that long distance charter buses have a circuitous route to leave the station. Sara explains that Greyhound wants to relocate to King Street hub but without an actual station.*

*Jacob Struiksma asks about width of sidewalk at Jackson and at King.*

Sara notes that the Hub areas need a regulated sidewalk width, like light rail stations.

*Mike Cechlala asks about Fourth Avenue Transit Islands.*

Sara responds that a two-way Fourth Avenue would allow for traditional sidewalk bus stops.

**e) Green Streets**

The charrette called for South Washington to be Green Street, but Interim suggested South Main instead. Occidental is an existing Green Street north of King, could be extended to Occidental South, toward the stadiums. *Mark notes that Kevin Daniels could develop some of this through the North Lot project.*

**f) Kiss and Ride at King Street Station**

Eliminate Bus Layovers to create Kiss and Ride

*Ben notes that the Employer Shuttles like Harborview need an area, too.*

*Mark notes that there is a section of Third Avenue that could be utilized*

**g) KSS and ID/Chinatown ped/bike connection**

This connection would be connect Sounder and Link

Connection in addition to Weller Street skybridge.

Much discussion about the correct location for this ped/bike connection

*Greg notes that the transfer numbers will rise significantly over time.*

*Seth expresses concern that creating a place and transfer speed may be mutually exclusive. Sara assures the board that the intention is to create a place. Seth notes that the barrier is Fourth Avenue, but the place is the bridge between ID and Pioneer Square.*

Barbara notes there is a lot of public open space in this area. Gehl Architects used King Street Station as one of its focuses. Connectivity and Programming are more of a problem than open space. *Ben notes separating the transit spots will drag people from mode to mode. Mark agrees with Seth that they need to look at near-term.*

Barbara notes that both neighborhoods are fragile and need economic development. *Ben asks "what's the character of this hub."*

**h) Alleys**

More pedestrianized alleys. More activated.

**i) Celebrate historic shoreline**

*Sara Robertson will report back to SPAB at the next stage.*

**Holiday Pedestrian Safety Campaign. Dawn Schellenberg**

City has decided to focus on the Center City for five years instead of moving it around the city. Drivers and pedestrians, entire public. Knowledge and Behavior surveys. High number of collisions in the area. Can't make a ton of infrastructure requirements, so more focused on behavior.

September 2009 Survey

Merchant results: 30% remembered, thought it was clear.

Intercept results: 40% remembered, 17% thought it was clear

Online results: 24% remembered, 81% thought it was clear

44 interior bus signs, 13 paid for.

22 exterior bus signs, 11 paid for.

Umbrellas at Westlake, Arundel Books, Pacific Place, DSA Carousel

Flash Mob at Westlake and Occidental, filmed and became a PSA

Figgy Pudding Caroling Contest

"Don't Block the Box"

December 30, 2010-January 19, 2011

Double-sided flyers giving tips for driving and walking safely.

People were handed flyers if they exhibited a behavior violation.

Barbara notes that it is "grinchy" to give out tickets during the holidays.

Next Steps: Move forward, Continue the campaign

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm**

*Next meeting March 9th*